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Arab-Israeli
Working Group
and
1650
Special Committee
on Berlin Situation*

21 JUL 1962

MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director,
Current Intelligence

SUBJECT: 1 Intelligence Coverage of Berlin
and Arab-Israeli Situations

1. At its meeting of 18 July, the USIB decided to disestablish the Special USIB Subcommittee on the Berlin Situation and the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Arab-Israeli Situation as institutions reporting to the USIB. See USIB-M-225, dated 18 July 1962.

2. It further decided that USIB's responsibility for finished intelligence on developments in these areas would be acquitted via use of the "normal estimative machinery".

3. The Agency's responsibility for utilizing this normal estimative machinery falls in the first instance on the Chairman of the Board of National Estimates. I would, however, like you to designate principal substantive action officers for these two accounts, who would have authority to convene, as they see fit, groups of representatives from the intelligence community similar to those formerly comprising the old subcommittees. I would be well pleased if these tasks continued under the leadership of [redacted] [redacted] respectively.

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4. With respect to the Berlin account, I would like to charge the Chairman with:

a. Continuing work on the "Chronology," periodically keeping you and the Chairman of the Board of National Estimates informed and also reporting as in the past to the Berlin Task Force now headed by Mr. Tyler of the Department of State.

b. Preparing draft notes on the Berlin Situation for inclusion in Part II of the USIB Weekly Survey of Cold War Crisis Situations.

c. Keeping constantly alert to the possibility that changes in the Berlin Situation will warrant production of an NIE or SNIE on a crash basis; make recommendations to the Chairman of the Board of National Estimates in this respect as appropriate.

5. With respect to the Arab-Israeli account, I would like to charge the Chairman with:

a. Insuring, through the working group mechanism, that records are maintained on an all source basis of military developments. [redacted]

[redacted] Other indicators of local change or hostile intent would also be monitored.

b. Issuing reports on these developments as appropriate.

c. Alerting the Chairman of the Board of National Estimates when these or other developments warrant production of an NIE or SNIE.

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